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Consumer Price Index ◆ January 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia's inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, rose 2.9% from January 2000. Alberta posted the smallest 12-month increase at 1.1%, while Prince Edward Island experienced the greatest increase at 4.6%. Canada's rate rose 3.0% from last January.

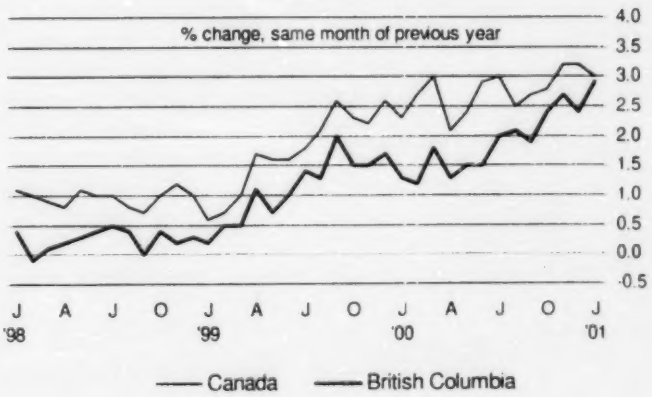
- Of the metropolitan areas, Victoria recorded a 2.4% increase and Vancouver a 3.3% increase from the previous January. Edmonton recorded the lowest 12-month increase at 0.3%, while the highest increase was experienced in Charlottetown at 4.2%.

- Energy prices have been rising steadily since April of 1999 in both BC and Canada. Compared to January 2000, natural gas prices rose a whopping 54.9% in BC and 24.2% in Canada. BC fuel oil and gasoline prices, while both beginning to show monthly declines, are still posting 12-month increases of 26.2% and 13.4%, respectively. Also contributing to increased inflation in BC are higher prices for local and commuter transportation (10.7%), meat (7.3%), reading material and other printed matter (6.7%), and fresh vegetables (6.4%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for children's clothing (-7.1%), bakery and cereal products (-2.3%), and coffee and tea (-2.1%).

- BC's inflation rate, excluding energy, rose 1.8% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.3%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	January 2001	December 2000	January 2000
Canada	114.7	-0.3	3.0
BC	114.5	0.2	2.9
Vancouver	115.3	0.3	3.3
Victoria	113.8	-0.1	2.4

BC / Canada gap closing



1992=100	2000 Annual Average Index	1999 Annual Average Index	Annual % Change
Canada	113.5	110.5	2.7
BC	113.3	111.2	1.9
Vancouver	113.9	111.4	2.2
Victoria	113.0	111.1	1.7

January 2001
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% change		Index	% change	
	January 2001	December 2000	January 2000	January 2001	December 2000	January 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**114.5**	**0.2**	**2.9**	**114.7**	**-0.3**	**3.0**
Food	**115.3**	**-0.5**	**2.5**	**114.7**	**0.2**	**3.5**
Food Purchased From Stores	113.5	-1.0	2.5	114.3	0.2	4.0
Meat	119.3	0.4	7.3	119.8	1.9	7.5
Fish & Other Seafood	127.3	1.5	3.7	120.8	0.6	2.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	116.5	-0.1	1.6	114.3	0.4	3.1
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	111.8	-2.4	-2.3	115.8	-1.0	1.8
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	100.2	-1.8	2.7	102.4	-1.1	4.4
Fresh Fruit	95.9	-0.4	2.3	102.6	-1.5	6.3
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	96.2	-9.8	3.4	109.0	-4.9	6.1
Fresh Vegetables	93.4	-10.9	6.4	111.9	-5.7	7.8
Other Food Products	120.6	2.6	1.9	115.3	1.9	1.5
Coffee & Tea	133.2	-3.5	-2.1	129.4	-0.7	-1.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	84.6	13.9	4.6	101.6	10.1	3.0
Food Purchased From Restaurants	119.4	0.3	2.6	116.4	0.4	2.5
Shelter	**102.1**	**1.2**	**3.8**	**111.0**	**-0.6**	**4.0**
Rented Accommodation	111.2	0.1	0.7	112.3	0.1	1.4
Owned Accommodation	89.6	-0.2	1.2	104.7	0.1	3.5
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	148.6	8.6	20.3	131.2	-3.3	9.9
Electricity	106.1	0.4	0.4	107.9	-1.9	-0.7
Piped Gas	228.6	22.4	54.9	178.3	-6.5	24.2
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	152.4	-1.4	26.2	162.7	-4.1	31.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**115.9**	**0.2**	**1.0**	**110.5**	**0.0**	**1.7**
Household Operations	122.6	0.2	1.9	113.5	0.0	2.0
Household Furnishings	106.6	0.0	-0.7	106.0	-0.2	1.0
Clothing & Footwear	**111.9**	**2.2**	**0.4**	**104.8**	**-0.4**	**0.5**
Clothing	112.2	2.8	0.6	104.3	-0.5	-0.5
Women's Clothing	114.2	5.5	1.8	104.5	0.2	0.3
Men's Clothing	110.8	-0.2	0.8	103.7	-1.3	-0.3
Children's Clothing	106.1	-1.3	-7.1	104.4	-0.3	-5.2
Footwear	112.8	1.9	3.7	105.0	-1.1	3.2
Transportation	**131.1**	**-1.3**	**4.5**	**131.2**	**-0.9**	**3.1**
Private Transportation	128.7	-1.7	4.4	129.3	-1.2	2.9
Operation of Motor Vehicles	127.8	-1.5	7.4	129.1	-0.7	5.2
Gasoline	134.2	-4.0	13.4	131.2	-1.6	10.5
Public Transportation	154.0	1.2	4.6	151.2	1.4	3.6
Local & Commuter	129.6	0.8	10.7	131.5	1.2	4.0
Inter-City	164.1	1.4	2.8	166.9	1.5	3.3
Health & Personal Care	**118.0**	**0.1**	**2.6**	**113.1**	**0.3**	**1.9**
Health Care	119.7	0.3	3.6	116.5	0.1	3.1
Personal Care	116.2	-0.1	1.7	110.6	0.3	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**120.2**	**0.3**	**2.5**	**121.4**	**-0.5**	**2.4**
Recreation	115.5	0.3	2.5	111.9	-0.7	1.8
Education & Reading	136.8	0.2	2.7	155.6	0.3	4.2
Education	135.4	0.0	1.0	169.2	0.1	3.9
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	139.6	0.6	6.7	130.8	0.7	5.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**110.9**	**0.4**	**1.8**	**99.2**	**0.2**	**3.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	114.5	0.4	1.5	114.8	0.3	2.7
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	112.6	0.5	1.4	115.4	0.3	2.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	121.6	0.0	2.3	120.9	0.5	3.7
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.4	0.5	1.7	106.0	-0.1	0.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	103.1	0.4	2.2	78.2	0.1	3.6
Cigarettes	103.1	0.4	2.3	77.6	0.3	3.6
All-Items Excluding Food	114.4	0.4	3.0	114.7	-0.5	2.9
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	112.7	0.2	2.9	116.1	-0.4	2.9
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	112.1	0.1	1.5	112.8	-0.2	2.0

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Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	January 2001	December 2000	January 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
Canada	114.7	-0.3	3.0	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	114.0	0.0	2.2	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	114.1	0.6	4.6	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	115.3	-0.6	2.9	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	113.4	-0.4	2.8	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	111.7	-0.1	2.8	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	115.9	-0.1	3.6	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	119.1	-0.7	2.3	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	118.3	-0.7	3.2	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	116.0	-3.0	1.1	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**114.5**	**0.2**	**2.9**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	115.9	0.1	3.2	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	112.1	0.0	2.3	111.2	109.3	1.7

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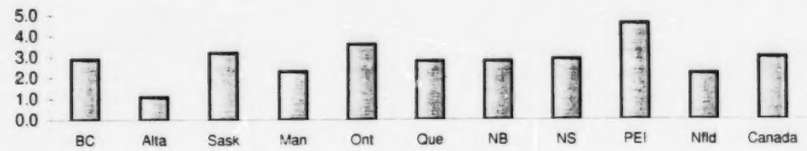

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	January 2001	December 2000	January 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
St. John's	113.9	0.0	2.0	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	113.5	0.5	4.2	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	114.3	-0.4	2.8	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	113.2	-0.3	2.7	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	112.3	0.0	2.6	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	112.0	0.1	2.9	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	117.5	-0.1	3.8	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	116.4	0.2	3.7	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	115.6	-0.2	3.1	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	119.3	-0.6	2.5	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	119.2	-0.6	3.1	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	117.7	-0.7	3.1	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	113.6	-3.7	0.3	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	118.0	-2.3	2.1	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**115.3**	**0.3**	**3.3**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**113.8**	**-0.1**	**2.4**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

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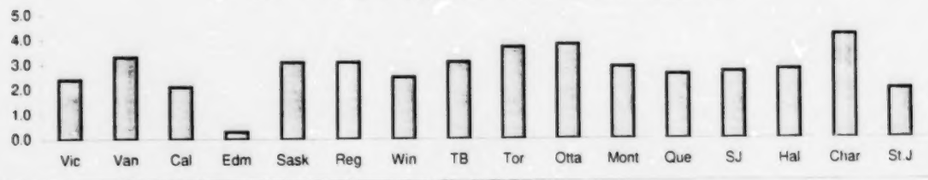

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7		110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.3	-0.3	1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1	1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8	1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1	1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4	1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4	1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9	2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1	2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2	1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2	2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0	2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2	2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001											
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6		107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.4	-0.1	2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5	2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7	3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4	2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5	2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6	2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4	3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2	2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4	2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2	2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3	3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1	3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
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Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
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January 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100) — Selected Components and Special Aggregations

BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	109.0	94.3	105.4	114.5	112.5	111.3	109.5	109.5	110.8	110.0
1998	109.7	91.0	104.6	116.7	103.8	98.5	109.5	110.1	103.7	108.2
1999	110.2	89.0	105.6	129.4	106.6	107.3	110.7	110.8	110.4	109.4
2000	110 7	89.0	105.7	167.4	137.6	134.3	113.4	111.9	130.8	111.5
2000 Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001 Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
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CANADA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	107.9	99.1	106.8	112.2	112.3	108.4	107.6	108.7	109.1	107.5
1998	109.1	99.2	107.8	119.1	100.8	99.1	108.6	104.3	110.1	108.9
1999	110.2	100.3	108.5	130.7	101.3	108.0	110.5	110.2	112.0	110.5
2000	111.5	102.9	109.2	158.9	143.2	131.7	113.9	128.1	115.0	112.2
2000 Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001 Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

January 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5	100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.6	-0.2 / 1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2 / 1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9 / 2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1 / 1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4 / 1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4 / 1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0 / 2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0 / 2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2 / 2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0 / 2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1 / 3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2 / 2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001						
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
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Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9	101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.1	-0.4 / 1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2 / 1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8 / 1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1 / 1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4 / 1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4 / 1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3 / 1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1 / 2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1 / 2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2 / 2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001						
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
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Consumer Price Index ◆ February 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia, with a 1.1% increase from February 2000, had the lowest inflation rate in Canada. Prince Edward Island had the highest at 3.7% while Canada's rate was 2.9%. In BC fresh vegetables (20.6%) and piped gas (54.9%) were the main contributors to the increase.

- Of the metropolitan areas, both Victoria and Vancouver showed a decrease from the previous month, at -2.2% and -1.2% respectively. Edmonton experienced the highest month-over-month change at 3.1%.

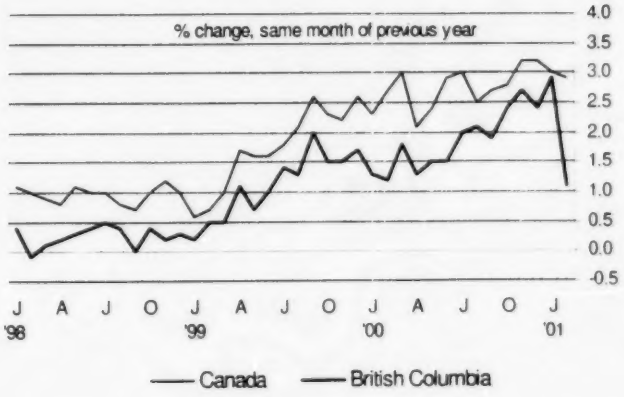
- Energy prices and government rebates have significantly affected the CPI. BC's energy component, which includes piped gas (54.9%), fuel oil (18.6%), motor gasoline (16.4%) and electricity (-100.0%), decreased by 8.4% from the same month a year ago. The $200 credit for BC Hydro customers caused the index for electricity to fall from 106.1 in January to 0.0 in February. With the resumption of payments in March the index series will be re-established.

- Many British Columbians received a $100 rebate from the Insurance Corporation of BC, resulting in a 1.8% drop in automotive insurance costs.

- BC's inflation rate, excluding food and energy, rose 1.4% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.0%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	February 2001	January 2001	February 2000
Canada	115.2	0.4	2.9
BC	112.6	-1.7	1.1
Vancouver	113.9	-1.2	1.9
Victoria	111.3	-2.2	0.0

Government rebates affect BC's CPI



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	114.1	2.8
BC	113.6	2.0
Vancouver	114.4	2.4
Victoria	113.2	1.7

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the March issue of the Consumer Price Index on April 20, 2001.

February 2001
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index February 2001	% change January 2001	% change February 2000	Index February 2001	% change January 2001	% change February 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**112.6**	**-1.7**	**1.1**	**115.2**	**0.4**	**2.9**
Food	**115.5**	**0.2**	**3.6**	**115.6**	**0.8**	**4.5**
Food Purchased From Stores	113.6	0.1	4.0	115.4	1.0	5.4
Meat	120.8	1.3	8.5	121.2	1.2	8.5
Fish & Other Seafood	126.8	-0.4	4.4	121.8	0.8	3.9
Dairy Products & Eggs	117.3	0.7	3.2	115.9	1.4	3.5
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	111.4	-0.4	0.1	116.7	0.8	2.9
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	98.4	-1.8	1.7	101.7	-0.7	4.4
Fresh Fruit	93.3	-2.7	5.4	100.7	-1.9	6.9
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	102.6	6.7	14.9	113.2	3.9	16.5
Fresh Vegetables	101.1	8.2	20.6	117.0	4.6	21.6
Other Food Products	116.8	-3.2	-0.2	115.6	0.3	1.1
Coffee & Tea	130.1	-2.3	-6.7	129.8	0.3	-2.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	82.4	-2.6	1.5	104.6	3.0	3.0
Food Purchased From Restaurants	119.9	0.4	2.9	116.6	0.2	2.5
Shelter	**95.0**	**-7.0**	**-3.6**	**110.8**	**-0.2**	**3.2**
Rented Accommodation	111.3	0.1	0.9	112.5	0.2	1.4
Owned Accommodation	89.7	0.1	1.4	105.0	0.3	3.4
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	83.0	-44.1	-33.0	128.4	-2.1	4.7
Electricity	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	99.9	-7.4	-8.1
Piped Gas	228.6	0.0	54.9	191.9	7.6	35.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	147.5	-3.2	18.6	156.2	-4.0	3.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**117.0**	**0.9**	**0.3**	**111.0**	**0.5**	**1.6**
Household Operations	122.5	-0.1	1.4	114.2	0.6	2.5
Household Furnishings	109.8	3.0	-1.5	106.3	0.3	-0.2
Clothing & Footwear	**113.6**	**1.5**	**2.3**	**106.5**	**1.6**	**1.1**
Clothing	114.8	2.3	3.5	106.4	2.0	1.1
Women's Clothing	116.1	1.7	6.4	106.9	2.3	2.2
Men's Clothing	113.6	2.5	0.5	105.2	1.4	0.3
Children's Clothing	111.9	5.5	-2.4	106.8	2.3	-1.0
Footwear	109.0	-3.4	-0.1	106.2	1.1	0.7
Transportation	**129.8**	**-1.0**	**3.3**	**131.5**	**0.2**	**2.3**
Private Transportation	126.6	-1.6	3.0	129.3	0.0	2.2
Operation of Motor Vehicles	124.5	-2.6	5.3	129.2	0.1	4.0
Gasoline	135.3	0.8	16.4	132.1	0.7	7.9
Public Transportation	159.4	3.5	4.5	155.3	2.7	3.3
Local & Commuter	129.6	0.0	10.7	131.5	0.0	3.9
Inter-City	171.6	4.6	2.7	174.2	4.4	2.9
Health & Personal Care	**118.8**	**0.7**	**3.3**	**113.6**	**0.4**	**2.3**
Health Care	119.8	0.1	3.9	116.5	0.0	2.9
Personal Care	117.7	1.3	2.9	111.6	0.9	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	**121.5**	**1.1**	**2.5**	**122.9**	**1.2**	**2.5**
Recreation	117.0	1.3	2.5	113.7	1.6	1.9
Education & Reading	136.8	0.0	2.7	155.6	0.0	4.2
Education	135.4	0.0	1.0	169.2	0.0	3.9
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	139.6	0.0	6.7	130.8	0.0	5.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**110.8**	**-0.1**	**1.7**	**99.4**	**0.2**	**3.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	114.7	0.2	1.7	115.3	0.4	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	112.9	0.3	1.5	116.0	0.5	2.7
Beer Purchased from Stores	121.6	0.0	2.3	121.9	0.8	3.6
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.6	1.2	2.5	106.4	0.4	2.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	102.7	-0.4	1.8	78.3	0.1	3.6
Cigarettes	102.7	-0.4	1.9	77.6	0.0	3.5
All-Items Excluding Food	112.0	-2.1	0.4	115.2	0.4	2.5
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	110.7	-1.8	1.0	116.6	0.4	2.7
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	112.4	0.3	1.4	113.4	0.5	2.0

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Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	February 2001	January 2001	February 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
Canada	115.2	0.4	2.9	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	114.5	0.4	1.8	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	113.2	-0.8	3.7	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	115.5	0.2	2.3	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	113.8	0.4	2.4	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	112.4	0.6	2.6	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	116.6	0.6	3.4	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	120.5	1.2	3.3	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	118.9	0.5	3.4	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	118.8	2.4	3.6	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**112.6**	**-1.7**	**1.1**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	116.0	0.1	2.7	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	112.2	0.1	2.1	111.2	109.3	1.7

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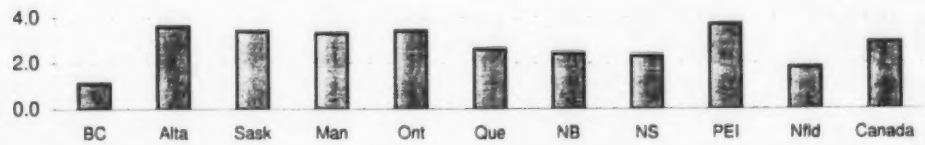

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	February 2001	January 2001	February 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
St. John's	114.4	0.4	1.8	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	112.8	-0.6	3.5	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	114.5	0.2	2.3	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	113.6	0.4	2.3	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	113.0	0.6	2.4	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	112.6	0.5	2.7	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	118.3	0.7	3.7	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	117.1	0.6	3.4	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	116.3	0.6	3.0	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	120.8	1.3	3.5	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	119.8	0.5	3.4	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	118.3	0.5	3.2	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	117.1	3.1	3.4	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	120.1	1.8	4.0	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**113.9**	**-1.2**	**1.9**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**111.3**	**-2.2**	**0.0**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

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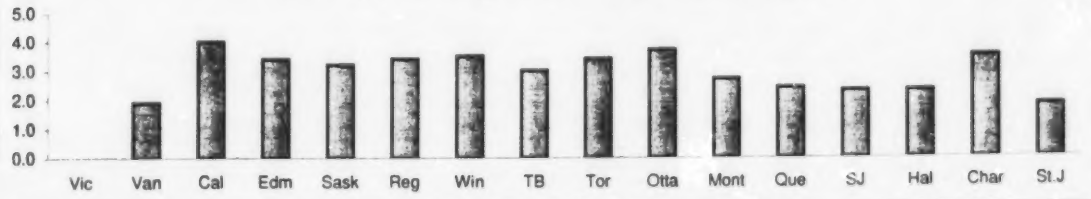

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7	110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3	112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1	113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9	113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2000		Month / Year								
Jan	111.3	-0.3 / 1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1 / 1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8 / 1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1 / 1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4 / 1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4 / 1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9 / 2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1 / 2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2 / 1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2 / 2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0 / 2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2 / 2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001										
Jan	114.5	0.2 / 2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7 / 1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
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Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6	107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9	109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7	110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7	112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2000		Month / Year								
Jan	111.4	-0.1 / 2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5 / 2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7 / 3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4 / 2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5 / 2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6 / 2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4 / 3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2 / 2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4 / 2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2 / 2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3 / 3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1 / 3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
2001										
Jan	114.7	-0.3 / 3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4 / 2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	109.0	94.3	114.5	112.5	105.4	111.3	110.8	109.5	110.0	109.5
1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
2000 Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001 Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
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CANADA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	107.9	99.1	112.2	112.3	106.8	108.4	108.7	107.6	109.1	107.5
1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
2000 Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001 Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

February 2001
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

		% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5		100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5		99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month	Year				
Jan	111.6	-0.2	1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2	1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9	2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1	1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4	1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4	1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0	2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0	2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2	2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0	2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1	3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2	2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001							
Jan	115.3	0.3	3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2	1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
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Victoria

		% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9		101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3		98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month	Year				
Jan	111.1	-0.4	1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2	1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8	1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1	1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4	1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4	1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5	1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1	1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3	1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1	2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1	2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2	2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001							
Jan	113.8	-0.1	2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2	0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
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Consumer Price Index ◆ March 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia, with a 0.9% increase from March 2000, continues to have the lowest inflation rate in Canada. Ontario posted the greatest 12-month increase at 3.2%, while Canada's increase was 2.5% over the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, Victoria recorded the smallest year-over-year increase at 0.2%, with Vancouver following at 1.1%. The greatest increases were seen in Ottawa (3.6%) and Toronto (3.4%).

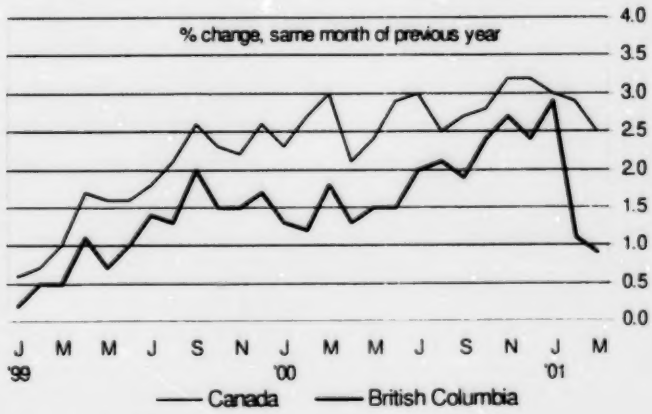
- Energy prices and government rebates continue to affect BC's inflation rate. BC's energy component decreased by 5.2% from the same month a year ago, largely due to a 60.0% decrease in the electricity index. Last month's $200 credit for BC Hydro customers will affect the index for electricity until all credits have been absorbed. While natural gas prices rose 54.0% during the same period, increases in the price of fuel oil (8.1%) and motor gasoline (1.9%) are showing signs of slowing.

- Also contributing to inflation in BC from last March are higher prices for fresh vegetables (21.5%), local and commuter transportation (12.0%), and meat (7.9%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for inter-city transportation (-6.4%), non-alcoholic beverages (-5.9%), coffee and tea (-4.2%), and children's clothing (-3.8%).

- BC's inflation rate, excluding food and energy, rose 0.8% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.7%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	March 2001	February 2001	March 2000
Canada	115.6	0.3	2.5
BC	113.3	0.6	0.9
Vancouver	114.0	0.1	1.1
Victoria	112.4	1.0	0.2

BC's Inflation Rate Continues Downward Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	114.3	2.8
BC	113.7	1.9
Vancouver	114.5	2.3
Victoria	113.2	1.5

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the April issue of the Consumer Price Index on May 17, 2001.

March 2001

Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index March 2001	% change February 2001	% change March 2000	Index March 2001	% change February 2001	% change March 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**113.3**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**115.6**	**0.3**	**2.5**
Food	**116.0**	**0.4**	**3.4**	**116.6**	**0.9**	**5.0**
Food Purchased From Stores	114.3	0.6	3.8	116.6	1.0	5.9
Meat	122.0	1.0	7.9	123.7	2.1	9.6
Fish & Other Seafood	126.9	0.1	4.7	122.2	0.3	4.9
Dairy Products & Eggs	117.1	-0.2	2.2	116.6	0.6	3.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	111.9	0.4	-0.3	116.7	0.0	2.4
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	97.4	-1.0	2.5	101.6	-0.1	5.7
Fresh Fruit	89.8	-3.8	5.6	100.7	0.0	9.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	107.0	4.3	16.1	118.1	4.3	18.2
Fresh Vegetables	106.1	4.9	21.5	123.3	5.4	23.5
Other Food Products	116.6	-0.2	-1.0	115.7	0.1	1.0
Coffee & Tea	133.3	2.5	-4.2	130.5	0.5	-1.7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	78.0	-5.3	-5.9	102.2	-2.3	0.6
Food Purchased From Restaurants	119.9	0.0	2.7	116.8	0.2	2.4
Shelter	**98.0**	**3.2**	**-0.7**	**111.9**	**1.0**	**4.1**
Rented Accommodation	111.5	0.2	0.9	112.6	0.1	1.4
Owned Accommodation	89.8	0.1	1.2	105.2	0.2	3.2
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	108.8	31.1	-12.8	134.5	4.8	10.4
Electricity	42.3	0.0	-60.0	104.3	4.4	-4.0
Piped Gas	228.6	0.0	54.0	212.5	10.7	49.1
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	143.8	-2.5	8.1	150.2	-3.8	4.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**117.3**	**0.3**	**0.1**	**111.3**	**0.3**	**1.5**
Household Operations	122.4	-0.1	1.6	114.3	0.1	2.5
Household Furnishings	110.6	0.7	-2.4	106.8	0.5	-0.5
Clothing & Footwear	**112.9**	**-0.6**	**-0.3**	**107.9**	**1.3**	**1.3**
Clothing	114.1	-0.6	0.5	108.3	1.8	1.9
Women's Clothing	116.3	0.2	2.3	109.2	2.2	2.1
Men's Clothing	112.1	-1.3	-0.8	107.0	1.7	1.7
Children's Clothing	109.7	-2.0	-3.8	107.2	0.4	1.5
Footwear	108.3	-0.6	-2.3	107.0	0.8	-0.2
Transportation	**128.0**	**-1.4**	**-0.3**	**130.1**	**-1.1**	**-0.8**
Private Transportation	126.0	-0.5	0.0	128.6	-0.5	-0.5
Operation of Motor Vehicles	123.4	-0.9	0.2	128.0	-0.9	-0.6
Gasoline	132.3	-2.2	1.9	129.0	-2.3	-3.2
Public Transportation	148.6	-6.8	-2.4	146.1	-5.9	-2.7
Local & Commuter	131.1	1.2	12.0	131.7	0.2	3.9
Inter-City	155.9	-9.1	-6.4	157.8	-9.4	-6.5
Health & Personal Care	**118.6**	**-0.2**	**3.0**	**113.5**	**-0.1**	**2.3**
Health Care	119.7	-0.1	3.6	116.5	0.0	3.1
Personal Care	117.3	-0.3	2.5	111.5	-0.1	1.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	**121.7**	**0.2**	**2.4**	**123.5**	**0.5**	**2.2**
Recreation	117.4	0.3	2.5	114.2	0.4	1.7
Education & Reading	136.1	-0.5	1.9	156.3	0.4	3.6
Education	134.9	-0.4	0.4	169.7	0.3	3.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	138.3	-0.9	5.4	132.0	0.9	4.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**111.1**	**0.3**	**1.9**	**99.4**	**0.0**	**2.8**
Alcoholic Beverages	115.2	0.4	2.0	115.3	0.0	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.7	0.7	2.2	115.9	-0.1	1.8
Beer Purchased from Stores	125.5	3.2	4.6	122.1	0.2	2.3
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.0	-2.5	0.2	106.1	-0.3	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	102.7	0.0	1.8	78.3	0.0	3.4
Cigarettes	102.7	0.0	1.8	77.6	0.0	3.3
All-Items Excluding Food	112.7	0.6	0.3	115.5	0.3	2.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	111.4	0.6	0.8	117.1	0.4	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	112.1	-0.3	0.8	113.5	0.1	1.7

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Provinces	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	March 2001	February 2001	March 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
Canada	115.6	0.3	2.5	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	114.4	-0.1	1.2	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	113.3	0.1	2.7	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	115.6	0.1	1.9	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	114.1	0.3	1.7	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	112.7	0.3	2.5	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	117.3	0.6	3.2	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	120.7	0.2	2.8	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	118.8	-0.1	2.6	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	118.7	-0.1	2.5	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**113.3**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	116.1	0.1	2.5	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	111.9	-0.3	1.4	111.2	109.3	1.7

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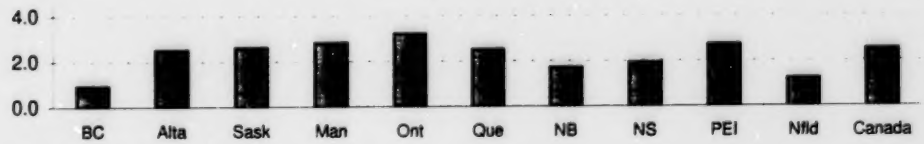

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	March 2001	February 2001	March 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
St. John's	114.4	0.0	1.3	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	113.0	0.2	2.6	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	114.7	0.2	2.0	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	113.9	0.3	1.6	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	113.3	0.3	2.3	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	112.8	0.2	2.5	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	119.0	0.6	3.6	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	117.8	0.6	3.4	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	117.3	0.9	3.1	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	121.0	0.2	3.1	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	119.8	0.0	2.7	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	118.3	0.0	2.5	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	117.0	-0.1	2.3	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	120.1	0.0	2.9	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**114.0**	**0.1**	**1.1**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**112.4**	**1.0**	**0.2**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

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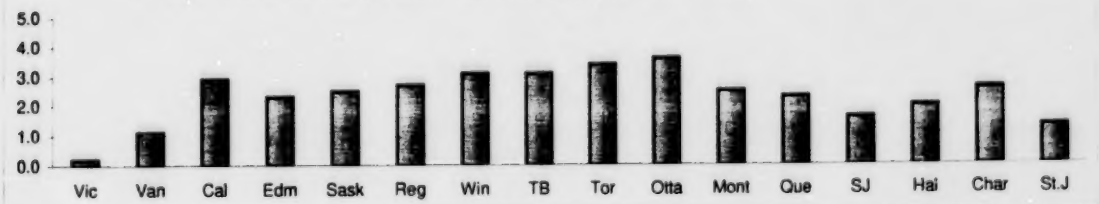

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7		110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
		Month	Year								
2000											
Jan	111.3	-0.3	1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1	1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8	1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1	1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4	1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4	1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9	2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1	2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2	1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2	2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0	2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2	2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001											
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6		107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
		Month	Year								
2000											
Jan	111.4	-0.1	2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5	2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7	3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4	2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5	2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6	2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4	3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2	2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4	2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2	2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3	3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1	3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
2001											
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	109.0	94.3	114.5	112.5	105.4	111.3	110.8	109.5	110.0	109.5
1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
2000 Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001 Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
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CANADA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
1997	107.9	99.1	112.2	112.3	106.8	108.4	108.7	107.6	109.1	107.5
1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
2000 Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001 Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

March 2001

Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Accommodation			Water, Fuel
			Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5	100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.6	-0.2 / 1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2 / 1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9 / 2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1 / 1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4 / 1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4 / 1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0 / 2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0 / 2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2 / 2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0 / 2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1 / 3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2 / 2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001						
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
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Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Accommodation			Water, Fuel
			Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9	101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.1	-0.4 / 1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2 / 1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8 / 1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1 / 1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4 / 1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4 / 1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3 / 1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1 / 2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1 / 2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2 / 2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001						
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
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Consumer Price Index ◆ April 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia's inflation rate rose 2.3% from April 2000. Newfoundland posted the lowest 12-month increase at 1.2%, while Ontario had the highest increase at 4.3%. Canada's increase was 3.6%, the highest 12-month increase the country has seen since December 1991.

- Of the metropolitan areas, St. John's recorded the smallest year-over-year increase at 1.2%, with Victoria following at 1.7%. Vancouver's inflation rate increased 2.5% over the same period while the greatest increases were seen in Ottawa and Toronto, both at 4.5%.

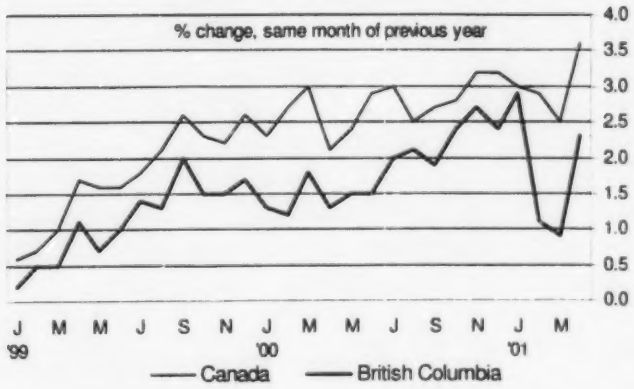
- Natural gas prices continue to fuel BC's rising inflation rate, increasing 54.0% from the same month a year ago. Price increases from last April for home heating oil (4.2%) and motor gasoline (5.5%) are continuing to stabilize. Electricity prices rose 0.4% from a year ago.

- Also contributing to inflation in BC from last April are higher prices for fresh fruit and vegetables (both rose 16.5%), local and commuter transportation (+12.0%), reading material (+5.2%), and beer purchased from stores (+4.6%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for inter-city transportation (-6.8%), footwear (-4.3%), household furnishings (-2.8%), and children's clothing (-2.7%).

- BC's inflation rate, excluding food and energy, rose 1.0% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.1%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	April 2001	March 2001	April 2000
Canada	116.4	0.7	3.6
BC	115.0	1.5	2.3
Vancouver	115.7	1.5	2.5
Victoria	114.2	1.6	1.7

Inflation Rates Spike Upward



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	114.6	2.9
BC	113.9	2.0
Vancouver	114.7	2.4
Victoria	113.4	1.6

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the May issue of the Consumer Price Index on June 15, 2001.

April 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index April 2001	% change March 2001	% change April 2000	Index April 2001	% change March 2001	% change April 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**115.0**	**1.5**	**2.3**	**116.4**	**0.7**	**3.6**
Food	**116.9**	**0.8**	**3.7**	**117.0**	**0.3**	**5.1**
Food Purchased From Stores	115.5	1.0	4.2	117.1	0.4	6.1
Meat	121.5	-0.4	6.1	124.6	0.7	9.6
Fish & Other Seafood	127.2	0.2	5.0	121.7	-0.4	4.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.5	-0.1	3.6
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	113.6	1.5	0.5	116.8	0.1	2.4
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	104.2	7.0	9.6	106.4	4.7	10.6
Fresh Fruit	99.0	10.2	16.5	108.5	7.7	17.8
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.1	-2.7	12.1	114.8	-2.8	13.4
Fresh Vegetables	103.0	-2.9	16.5	119.2	-3.3	17.0
Other Food Products	119.1	2.1	0.3	116.1	0.3	1.8
Coffee & Tea	137.0	2.8	0.9	129.7	-0.6	-1.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	82.6	5.9	-1.3	102.5	0.3	3.4
Food Purchased From Restaurants	120.2	0.3	2.8	117.1	0.3	2.5
Shelter	**102.2**	**4.3**	**3.3**	**112.5**	**0.5**	**4.7**
Rented Accommodation	111.6	0.1	0.9	112.8	0.2	1.4
Owned Accommodation	89.7	-0.1	1.0	105.5	0.3	3.1
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	147.7	35.8	18.3	137.0	1.9	14.3
Electricity	106.1	150.8	0.4	110.4	5.8	1.5
Piped Gas	228.6	0.0	54.0	209.4	-1.5	49.9
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	140.2	-2.5	4.2	146.0	-2.8	9.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	**116.8**	**-0.4**	**0.1**	**112.0**	**0.6**	**2.3**
Household Operations	122.5	0.1	1.7	115.4	1.0	3.2
Household Furnishings	109.1	-1.4	-2.8	107.0	0.2	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	**113.2**	**0.3**	**0.4**	**106.5**	**-1.3**	**1.3**
Clothing	114.2	0.1	1.7	106.1	-2.0	1.5
Women's Clothing	114.6	-1.5	3.0	106.2	-2.7	2.6
Men's Clothing	114.3	2.0	1.1	106.6	-0.4	1.5
Children's Clothing	112.3	2.4	-2.7	103.1	-3.8	-3.8
Footwear	109.0	0.6	-4.3	107.4	0.4	0.4
Transportation	**129.8**	**1.4**	**1.3**	**132.1**	**1.5**	**2.2**
Private Transportation	127.6	1.3	1.9	130.6	1.6	2.8
Operation of Motor Vehicles	125.2	1.5	2.2	130.7	2.1	4.0
Gasoline	135.4	2.3	5.5	136.1	5.5	8.3
Public Transportation	151.6	2.0	-2.7	148.4	1.6	-2.8
Local & Commuter	131.1	0.0	12.0	131.7	0.0	3.2
Inter-City	160.2	2.8	-6.8	161.8	2.5	-6.1
Health & Personal Care	**119.5**	**0.8**	**3.2**	**114.0**	**0.4**	**2.2**
Health Care	121.3	1.3	3.9	118.1	1.4	3.4
Personal Care	117.5	0.2	2.4	111.0	-0.4	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	**121.7**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**123.9**	**0.3**	**2.4**
Recreation	117.4	0.0	2.0	114.7	0.4	2.0
Education & Reading	136.1	0.0	1.9	156.2	-0.1	3.4
Education	134.9	0.0	0.4	169.7	0.0	3.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	136.3	0.0	5.2	131.8	-0.2	3.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**111.0**	**-0.1**	**1.7**	**103.3**	**3.9**	**6.7**
Alcoholic Beverages	115.3	0.1	2.1	115.3	0.0	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.7	0.0	2.1	115.9	0.0	1.8
Beer Purchased from Stores	125.5	0.0	4.6	122.3	0.2	2.6
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.7	0.7	0.7	106.0	-0.1	0.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	102.6	-0.1	1.5	84.5	7.9	11.2
Cigarettes	102.6	-0.1	1.5	83.6	7.7	11.0
All-Items Excluding Food	**114.6**	**1.7**	**2.0**	**116.3**	**0.7**	**3.1**
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	**113.2**	**1.6**	**2.4**	**117.8**	**0.6**	**3.4**
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	**112.4**	**0.3**	**1.0**	**113.9**	**0.4**	**2.1**

Source: Statistics Canada

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April 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index April 2001	% Chg March 2001	% Chg April 2000	Annual Index 2000	Annual Index 1999	% Chg 1999/00
Canada	116.4	0.7	3.6	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	113.6	-0.7	1.2	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	114.6	1.1	3.5	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	116.5	0.8	3.0	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	114.8	0.6	2.4	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	113.8	1.0	3.8	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	117.9	0.5	4.3	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	121.0	0.2	3.2	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	119.2	0.3	2.8	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	118.9	0.2	2.6	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**115.0**	**1.5**	**2.3**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	116.3	0.2	2.3	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	112.2	0.3	1.3	111.2	109.3	1.7

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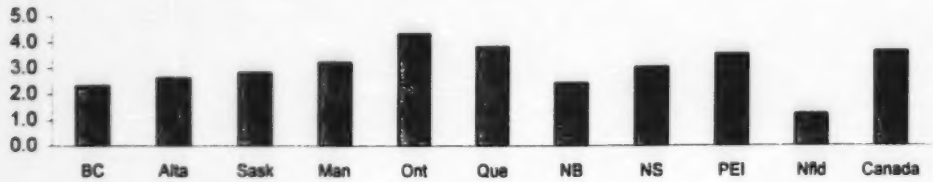

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index April 2001	% Chg March 2001	% Chg April 2000	Annual Index 2000	Annual Index 1999	% Chg 1999/00
St. John's	113.6	-0.7	1.2	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	114.1	1.0	3.3	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	115.6	0.8	2.9	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	114.6	0.6	2.5	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	114.3	0.9	3.5	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	113.8	0.9	3.7	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	119.4	0.3	4.5	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	118.4	0.5	4.5	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	117.8	0.4	4.1	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	121.4	0.3	3.5	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	120.2	0.3	2.9	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	118.7	0.3	2.7	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	117.2	0.2	2.4	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	120.3	0.2	3.0	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**115.7**	**1.5**	**2.5**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**114.2**	**1.6**	**1.7**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

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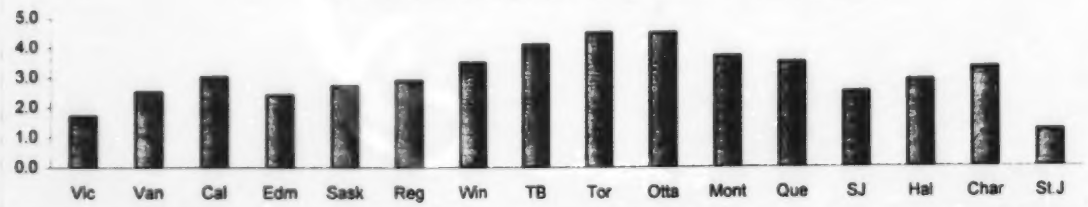

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April 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7		110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.3	-0.3	1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1	1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8	1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1	1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4	1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4	1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9	2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1	2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2	1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2	2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0	2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2	2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001											
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
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Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6		107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.4	-0.1	2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5	2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7	3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4	2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5	2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6	2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4	3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2	2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4	2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2	2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3	3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1	3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
2001											
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1997	109.0	94.3	114.5	112.5	105.4	111.3	110.8	109.5	110.0	109.5
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
2000	Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
	Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
	Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
	Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
	May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
	Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
	Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
	Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
	Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
	Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
	Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
	Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
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CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1997	107.9	99.1	112.2	112.3	106.8	108.4	108.7	107.6	109.1	107.5
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
2000	Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
	Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
	Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
	Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
	May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
	Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
	Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
	Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
	Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
	Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
	Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
	Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

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Vancouver

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average	Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5	100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.6	-0.2 / 1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2 / 1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9 / 2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1 / 1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4 / 1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4 / 1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0 / 2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0 / 2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2 / 2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0 / 2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1 / 3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2 / 2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001						
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May						
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Victoria

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average	Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9	101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.1	-0.4 / 1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2 / 1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8 / 1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1 / 1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4 / 1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4 / 1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3 / 1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1 / 2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1 / 2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2 / 2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001						
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
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Consumer Price Index ◆ May 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia's inflation rate rose 2.5% from May 2000, the lowest 12-month increase of all the provinces. Alberta posted the highest increase at 5.7%. Canada's increase was 3.9% for the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, Victoria recorded the lowest year-over-year increase at 1.9%, followed by Vancouver with a 2.6% increase. The highest increases were seen in Calgary at 5.9% and Edmonton at 5.6%.

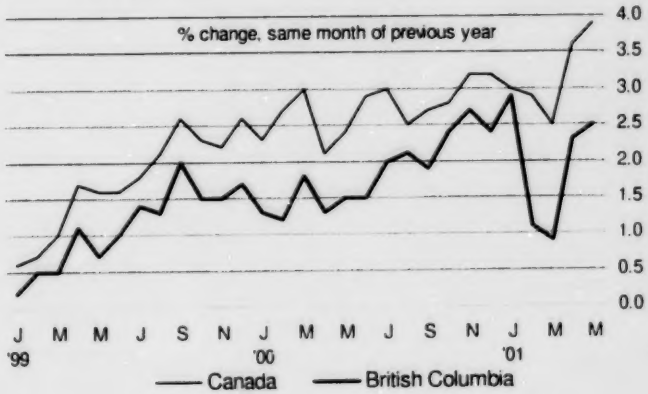
- BC's energy prices, which includes natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and motor gasoline, rose 13.1% from last May, primarily driven by natural gas prices which increased 54.0% from the same month a year ago. Price increases from last May for home heating oil (+5.9%), motor gasoline (+7.9%) and electricity (+0.4%) are modest in comparison.

- Also contributing to inflation in BC from last May are higher prices for fresh fruit (+15.8%), fresh vegetables (+15.2%), local and commuter transportation (+12.0%), non-alcoholic beverages (+8.7%), and reading material (+5.2%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for inter-city transportation (-8.6%), footwear (-3.9%), and coffee and tea (-3.1%).

- BC's inflation rate, excluding food and energy, rose 0.9% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.1%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	May 2001	April 2001	May 2000
Canada	117.4	0.9	3.9
BC	115.6	0.5	2.5
Vancouver	116.3	0.5	2.6
Victoria	114.8	0.5	1.9

Inflation Rates Continue Upward Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	115.0	3.0
BC	114.2	2.0
Vancouver	114.9	2.5
Victoria	113.6	1.6

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the June issue of the Consumer Price Index on July 20, 2001.

May 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index May 2001	% change April 2001	% change May 2000	Index May 2001	% change April 2001	% change May 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**115.6**	**0.5**	**2.5**	**117.4**	**0.9**	**3.9**
Food	**118.2**	**1.1**	**4.4**	**117.9**	**0.8**	**5.2**
Food Purchased From Stores	117.2	1.5	5.3	118.3	1.0	6.1
Meat	125.0	2.9	8.2	126.5	1.5	10.4
Fish & Other Seafood	128.4	0.9	5.3	122.3	0.5	3.4
Dairy Products & Eggs	118.5	0.9	3.2	117.0	0.4	3.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	114.0	0.4	1.8	117.4	0.5	3.1
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	106.0	1.7	7.6	109.4	2.8	10.8
Fresh Fruit	102.6	3.6	15.8	113.4	4.5	18.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	107.4	3.2	11.9	116.6	1.6	9.6
Fresh Vegetables	106.6	3.5	15.2	121.3	1.8	11.8
Other Food Products	119.6	0.4	2.3	116.1	0.0	2.0
Coffee & Tea	134.7	-1.7	-3.1	130.6	0.7	-1.2
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	83.5	1.1	8.7	102.2	-0.3	3.4
Food Purchased From Restaurants	120.6	0.3	2.7	117.5	0.3	2.8
Shelter	**102.4**	**0.2**	**3.7**	**113.8**	**1.2**	**5.6**
Rented Accommodation	111.7	0.1	1.0	113.0	0.2	1.6
Owned Accommodation	90.0	0.3	1.5	105.8	0.3	3.2
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	147.8	0.1	18.5	143.5	4.7	19.1
Electricity	106.1	0.0	0.4	111.1	0.6	2.1
Piped Gas	228.6	0.0	54.0	240.0	14.6	67.4
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	140.8	0.4	5.9	144.5	-1.0	10.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**117.0**	**0.2**	**0.3**	**112.2**	**0.2**	**2.4**
Household Operations	122.4	-0.1	1.8	115.6	0.2	3.4
Household Furnishings	110.0	0.8	-2.0	107.2	0.2	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	**110.8**	**-2.1**	**-0.3**	**104.9**	**-1.5**	**0.2**
Clothing	110.1	-3.6	0.0	103.7	-2.3	0.2
Women's Clothing	106.7	-6.9	-1.3	101.9	-4.0	0.5
Men's Clothing	114.1	-0.2	1.6	105.6	-0.9	-0.2
Children's Clothing	114.9	2.3	0.2	105.6	2.4	-0.5
Footwear	108.8	-0.2	-3.9	107.7	0.3	0.0
Transportation	**130.8**	**0.8**	**1.6**	**134.0**	**1.4**	**3.2**
Private Transportation	128.7	0.9	2.5	132.5	1.5	3.8
Operation of Motor Vehicles	127.0	1.4	3.3	133.9	2.4	5.8
Gasoline	140.2	3.5	7.9	143.5	5.4	12.0
Public Transportation	151.8	0.1	-4.2	148.6	0.1	-3.9
Local & Commuter	131.1	0.0	12.0	131.7	0.0	3.2
Inter-City	160.4	0.1	-8.6	162.1	0.2	-8.0
Health & Personal Care	**119.3**	**-0.2**	**2.4**	**114.4**	**0.4**	**2.1**
Health Care	121.0	-0.2	3.5	118.1	0.0	3.2
Personal Care	117.5	0.0	1.3	111.7	0.6	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	**123.9**	**1.8**	**1.5**	**125.3**	**1.1**	**2.1**
Recreation	120.1	2.3	1.4	116.5	1.6	1.7
Education & Reading	136.1	0.0	1.9	156.2	0.0	3.4
Education	134.9	0.0	0.4	169.7	0.0	3.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	138.3	0.0	5.2	131.8	0.0	3.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**112.1**	**1.0**	**2.1**	**105.2**	**1.8**	**8.0**
Alcoholic Beverages	115.8	0.4	2.1	115.8	0.4	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.9	0.2	2.1	116.3	0.3	2.6
Beer Purchased from Stores	125.5	0.0	4.6	122.9	0.5	4.0
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.8	-0.9	-0.7	105.9	-0.1	0.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	104.3	1.7	2.3	87.2	3.2	13.5
Cigarettes	104.3	1.7	2.4	86.4	3.3	13.4
All-Items Excluding Food	115.1	0.4	2.0	117.4	0.9	3.7
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	113.8	0.5	2.5	118.7	0.8	3.8
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	112.7	0.3	0.9	114.3	0.4	2.1

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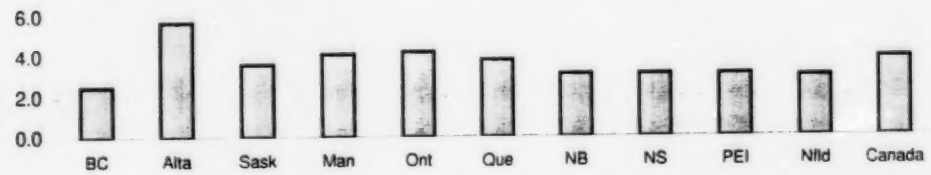
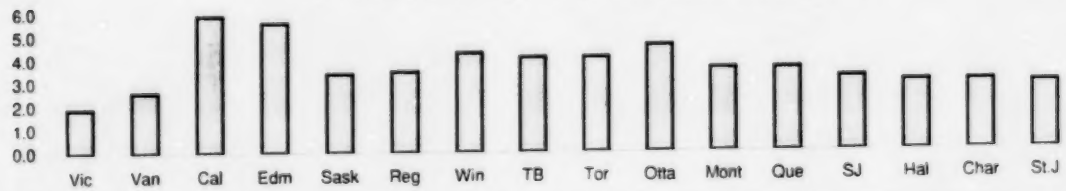
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	May 2001	April 2001	May 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
Canada	117.4	0.9	3.9	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	115.6	1.8	3.0	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	115.0	0.3	3.1	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	117.0	0.4	3.1	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	115.8	0.9	3.1	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	114.3	0.4	3.8	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	118.5	0.5	4.2	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	122.1	0.9	4.1	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	120.4	1.0	3.6	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	123.2	3.6	5.7	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**115.6**	**0.5**	**2.5**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	116.9	0.5	2.3	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	112.8	0.5	1.4	111.2	109.3	1.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	May 2001	April 2001	May 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
St. John's	115.6	1.8	2.9	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	114.5	0.4	3.0	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	116.1	0.4	3.0	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	115.5	0.8	3.2	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	114.9	0.5	3.6	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	114.3	0.4	3.6	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	120.2	0.7	4.6	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	118.8	0.3	4.1	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	118.5	0.6	4.1	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	122.4	0.8	4.3	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	121.3	0.9	3.5	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	119.8	0.9	3.4	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	121.5	3.7	5.6	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	124.6	3.6	5.9	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**116.3**	**0.5**	**2.6**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**114.8**	**0.5**	**1.9**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



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May 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7		110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.3	-0.3	1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1	1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8	1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1	1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4	1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4	1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9	2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1	2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2	1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2	2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0	2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2	2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001											
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6		107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.4	-0.1	2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5	2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7	3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4	2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5	2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6	2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4	3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2	2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4	2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2	2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3	3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1	3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
2001											
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
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May 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1997	109.0	94.3	114.5	112.5	105.4	111.3	110.8	109.5	110.0	109.5
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
2000	Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
	Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
	Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
	Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
	May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
	Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
	Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
	Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
	Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
	Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
	Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
	Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
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[1] electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1997	107.9	99.1	112.2	112.3	106.8	108.4	108.7	107.6	109.1	107.5
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
2000	Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
	Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
	Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
	Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
	May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
	Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
	Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
	Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
	Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
	Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
	Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
	Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

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May 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5	100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month	Year			
Jan	111.6	-0.2	1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2	1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9	2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1	1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4	1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4	1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0	2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0	2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2	2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0	2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1	3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2	2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001							
Jan	115.3	0.3	3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2	1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1	1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5	2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5	2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
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Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9	101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month	Year			
Jan	111.1	-0.4	1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2	1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8	1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1	1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4	1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4	1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5	1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1	1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3	1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1	2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1	2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2	2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001							
Jan	113.8	-0.1	2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2	0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0	0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6	1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5	1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
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Consumer Price Index ◆ June 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia's year-over-year inflation rate was 2.7% in June 2001. This is the third consecutive month that consumer prices in BC rose more than 2.0% from a year ago. The smallest 12-month increase was in Newfoundland at 1.9% while Alberta posted the greatest increase at 5.5%. Canada's increase was 3.3% for the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, St. John's recorded the lowest year-over-year increase in prices at 1.9%. Prices in Victoria rose 2.0%, while Vancouver experienced a 2.8% increase compared to last June. The highest increases were seen in Calgary at 5.8% and Edmonton at 5.4%.

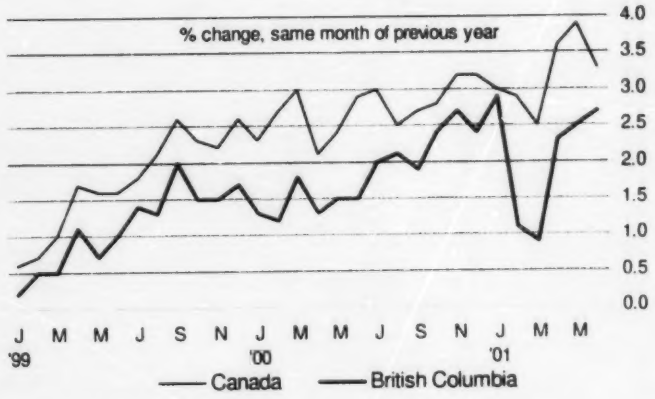
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and motor gasoline, rose 14.8% from last June, driven primarily by natural gas prices which increased 54.0% from the same month a year ago. Price increases from last June for home heating oil (+5.9%), motor gasoline (+11.2%) and electricity (+0.4%) are continuing to moderate.

- Also contributing to inflation in BC from last June are higher prices for fresh vegetables (+13.4%), fresh fruit (+12.9%), meat (+8.6%), fish and other seafood (+7.4%), and reading material (+5.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for household furnishings (-3.7%), children's clothing (-2.9%), and women's clothing (-2.0%).

- BC's consumer price index, excluding food and energy, rose 1.2% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.0%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	June 2001	May 2001	June 2000
Canada	117.5	0.1	3.3
BC	116.3	0.6	2.7
Vancouver	117.0	0.6	2.8
Victoria	115.4	0.5	2.0

BC's rate climbs, Canada's drops



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	115.3	3.0
BC	114.4	2.1
Vancouver	115.2	2.6
Victoria	113.8	1.6

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the July issue of the Consumer Price Index on August 21, 2001.

June 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index June 2001	% change May 2001	% change June 2000	Index June 2001	% change May 2001	% change June 2000
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**116.3**	**0.6**	**2.7**	**117.5**	**0.1**	**3.3**
Food	**117.7**	**-0.4**	**4.3**	**118.1**	**0.2**	**4.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	116.3	-0.8	5.2	118.4	0.1	5.2
Meat	124.2	-0.6	8.6	126.9	0.3	10.0
Fish & Other Seafood	129.9	1.2	7.4	122.6	0.2	3.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	118.7	0.2	4.0	117.3	0.3	4.1
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	113.9	-0.1	2.6	117.9	0.4	3.1
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	102.6	-3.2	5.9	109.4	0.0	8.6
Fresh Fruit	100.1	-2.4	12.9	113.7	0.3	14.3
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.4	-2.8	10.7	115.8	-0.7	5.6
Fresh Vegetables	102.2	-4.1	13.4	119.7	-1.3	6.3
Other Food Products	119.5	-0.1	1.5	115.8	-0.3	1.1
Coffee & Tea	137.4	2.0	1.1	130.2	-0.3	-1.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	82.1	-1.7	3.9	101.7	-0.5	3.2
Food Purchased From Restaurants	120.8	0.2	2.5	118.1	0.5	3.1
Shelter	**102.4**	**0.0**	**3.6**	**114.2**	**0.4**	**5.6**
Rented Accommodation	111.8	0.1	1.1	113.1	0.1	1.6
Owned Accommodation	89.9	-0.1	1.2	105.8	0.0	2.9
Property taxes	134.5	0.0	2.4	118.6	0.0	0.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	147.8	0.0	18.5	145.7	1.5	19.7
Electricity	106.1	0.0	0.4	114.0	2.6	4.8
Piped Gas	228.6	0.0	54.0	242.4	1.0	62.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	140.8	0.0	5.9	144.5	0.0	10.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**117.7**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**112.4**	**0.2**	**2.3**
Household Operations	124.2	1.5	3.5	116.1	0.4	3.5
Household Furnishings	108.9	-1.0	-3.7	106.8	-0.4	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	**111.6**	**0.7**	**-0.1**	**104.5**	**-0.4**	**-0.1**
Clothing	111.0	0.8	-0.8	103.6	-0.1	0.1
Women's Clothing	110.3	3.4	-2.0	103.3	1.4	0.8
Men's Clothing	111.8	-2.0	1.7	103.6	-1.9	-0.5
Children's Clothing	112.1	-2.4	-2.9	103.7	-1.8	-2.3
Footwear	109.4	0.6	-0.4	105.6	-1.9	-1.0
Transportation	**133.6**	**2.1**	**3.0**	**133.0**	**-0.7**	**0.9**
Private Transportation	131.0	1.8	3.4	131.1	-1.1	1.0
Operation of Motor Vehicles	130.4	2.7	4.6	131.5	-1.8	1.1
Gasoline	149.5	6.6	11.2	137.4	-4.3	0.9
Public Transportation	159.3	4.9	0.2	154.1	3.7	0.7
Local & Commuter	131.4	0.2	1.6	134.1	1.8	3.8
Inter-City	170.9	6.5	-0.2	170.1	4.9	-1.2
Health & Personal Care	**120.2**	**0.8**	**3.3**	**114.9**	**0.4**	**2.7**
Health Care	121.7	0.6	4.3	118.2	0.1	3.3
Personal Care	118.5	0.9	2.2	112.5	0.7	2.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	**125.5**	**1.3**	**1.6**	**125.6**	**0.2**	**1.4**
Recreation	122.0	1.6	1.6	117.1	0.5	0.9
Education & Reading	136.7	0.4	2.0	155.4	-0.5	2.8
Education	135.2	0.2	0.5	169.1	-0.4	2.9
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	139.7	1.0	5.5	130.3	-1.1	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**112.1**	**0.0**	**2.1**	**105.4**	**0.2**	**7.7**
Alcoholic Beverages	115.4	-0.3	2.0	115.8	0.0	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.2	-0.6	1.9	116.3	0.0	2.3
Beer Purchased from Stores	125.5	0.0	4.6	122.7	-0.2	3.4
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.1	-0.7	-1.0	106.3	0.4	0.9
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	104.7	0.4	2.3	87.4	0.2	13.1
Cigarettes	104.8	0.5	2.5	86.6	0.2	12.9
All-Items Excluding Food	116.1	0.9	2.5	117.4	0.0	3.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	114.5	0.6	2.9	118.8	0.1	3.1
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	113.3	0.5	1.2	114.5	0.2	2.0

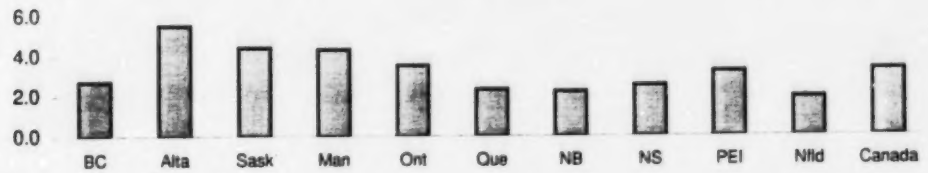
Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

June 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

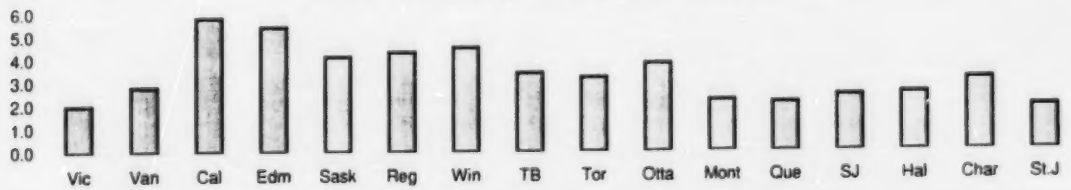
Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	June 2001	May 2001	June 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
Canada	117.5	0.1	3.3	113.5	110.5	2.7
Newfoundland	115.5	-0.1	1.9	113.3	110.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	115.5	0.4	3.2	111.7	107.3	4.1
Nova Scotia	117.0	0.0	2.5	114.2	110.3	3.5
New Brunswick	115.6	-0.2	2.2	112.8	109.2	3.3
Quebec	113.7	-0.5	2.3	110.6	108.0	2.4
Ontario	118.5	0.0	3.5	114.2	111.0	2.9
Manitoba	122.9	0.7	4.3	118.1	115.2	2.5
Saskatchewan	121.6	1.0	4.4	116.7	113.7	2.6
Alberta	123.5	0.2	5.5	117.4	113.4	3.5
British Columbia	**116.3**	**0.6**	**2.7**	**113.3**	**111.2**	**1.9**
Whitehorse	117.8	0.8	2.3	114.6	112.1	2.2
Yellowknife	113.2	0.4	1.6	111.2	109.3	1.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	June 2001	May 2001	June 2000	2000	1999	1999/00
St. John's	115.4	-0.2	1.9	113.2	110.2	2.7
Charlottetown	115.0	0.4	3.1	111.4	107.4	3.7
Halifax	116.2	0.1	2.5	113.2	109.8	3.1
Saint John	115.4	-0.1	2.4	112.5	109.0	3.2
Quebec City	114.3	-0.5	2.1	111.3	108.9	2.2
Montreal	113.7	-0.5	2.2	110.7	108.2	2.3
Ottawa	120.2	0.0	3.8	115.6	112.2	3.0
Toronto	118.6	-0.2	3.2	114.5	111.2	3.0
Thunder Bay	118.4	-0.1	3.4	114.3	111.3	2.7
Winnipeg	123.1	0.6	4.5	118.1	115.3	2.4
Regina	122.6	1.1	4.3	117.7	114.7	2.6
Saskatoon	120.9	0.9	4.1	116.3	113.4	2.6
Edmonton	121.8	0.2	5.4	115.9	112.2	3.3
Calgary	125.0	0.3	5.8	118.4	114.2	3.7
Vancouver	**117.0**	**0.6**	**2.8**	**113.9**	**111.4**	**2.2**
Victoria	**115.4**	**0.5**	**2.0**	**113.0**	**111.1**	**1.7**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



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June 2001 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	109.7	0.7		110.8	100.5	110.0	107.0	120.9	109.5	117.2	107.2
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.3	-0.3	1.3	112.5	98.4	114.8	111.5	125.5	115.0	117.3	108.9
Feb	111.4	0.1	1.2	111.5	98.5	116.6	111.0	125.7	115.0	118.5	108.9
Mar	112.3	0.8	1.8	112.2	98.7	117.2	113.2	128.4	115.1	118.8	109.0
Apr	112.4	0.1	1.3	112.7	98.9	116.7	112.8	128.1	115.8	119.3	109.1
May	112.8	0.4	1.5	113.2	98.7	116.6	111.1	128.7	116.5	122.1	109.8
Jun	113.2	0.4	1.5	112.8	98.8	116.7	111.7	129.7	116.4	123.5	109.8
Jul	114.2	0.9	2.0	113.2	100.1	117.8	111.8	131.4	117.1	124.6	109.8
Aug	114.1	-0.1	2.1	113.2	100.1	118.0	111.6	130.7	117.2	124.5	110.3
Sep	114.3	0.2	1.9	112.6	100.4	117.4	114.5	131.8	117.4	124.4	110.3
Oct	114.5	0.2	2.4	112.5	100.8	117.9	113.8	132.9	118.2	122.3	110.2
Nov	114.5	0.0	2.7	113.8	100.8	117.9	113.0	133.8	118.4	119.8	110.3
Dec	114.3	-0.2	2.4	115.9	100.9	115.7	109.5	132.8	117.9	119.8	110.5
2001											
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1997	107.6	1.6		107.6	103.3	106.6	102.7	121.5	105.9	114.9	89.3
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2000		Month	Year								
Jan	111.4	-0.1	2.3	110.8	106.7	108.7	104.3	127.3	111.0	118.5	96.2
Feb	112.0	0.5	2.7	110.6	107.4	109.3	105.3	128.5	111.1	119.9	96.4
Mar	112.8	0.7	3.0	111.1	107.5	109.7	106.5	131.1	111.0	120.8	96.7
Apr	112.4	-0.4	2.1	111.3	107.5	109.5	105.1	129.2	111.5	121.0	96.8
May	113.0	0.5	2.4	112.1	107.8	109.6	104.7	129.9	112.1	122.7	97.4
Jun	113.7	0.6	2.9	112.9	108.1	109.9	104.6	131.8	111.9	123.9	97.9
Jul	114.1	0.4	3.0	113.4	108.7	110.5	104.7	131.2	112.0	124.9	98.0
Aug	113.9	-0.2	2.5	113.1	109.0	110.5	105.4	130.0	112.4	124.8	98.0
Sep	114.4	0.4	2.7	112.2	109.6	110.5	107.4	131.9	112.3	124.9	98.4
Oct	114.6	0.2	2.8	112.0	110.6	110.7	107.5	131.5	112.8	124.4	98.1
Nov	115.0	0.3	3.2	112.9	111.2	110.7	105.4	134.0	112.9	122.4	98.6
Dec	115.1	0.1	3.2	114.5	111.7	110.5	105.2	132.4	112.8	122.0	99.0
2001											
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1997	109.0	94.3	114.5	112.5	105.4	111.3	110.8	109.5	110.0	109.5
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.3	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
2000	Jan	110.4	88.5	147.6	120.8	105.7	118.3	119.1	111.1	109.5	110.4
	Feb	110.3	88.5	147.6	124.4	105.7	116.2	118.2	111.5	109.6	110.9
	Mar	110.5	88.7	148.4	133.0	105.7	129.8	125.8	112.4	110.5	111.2
	Apr	110.6	88.8	148.4	134.6	105.7	128.4	125.1	112.4	110.6	111.3
	May	110.6	88.7	148.4	132.9	105.7	129.9	125.8	112.8	111.0	111.7
	Jun	110.6	88.8	148.4	132.9	105.7	134.5	128.2	113.3	111.3	112.0
	Jul	110.6	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	142.4	137.4	114.4	112.4	112.4
	Aug	110.8	88.9	186.7	132.9	105.7	139.7	136.0	114.3	112.2	112.4
	Sep	110.9	89.1	186.7	148.4	105.7	144.7	139.2	114.8	112.5	112.6
	Oct	110.9	89.7	186.7	151.5	105.7	146.1	140.0	114.9	112.6	112.7
	Nov	111.1	89.7	186.7	152.3	105.7	141.8	137.8	114.8	112.7	112.7
	Dec	111.1	89.8	186.7	154.5	105.7	139.8	136.9	114.0	112.5	112.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul										
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[1] electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1997	107.9	99.1	112.2	112.3	106.8	108.4	108.7	107.6	109.1	107.5
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
2000	Jan	110.8	101.2	143.6	124.1	108.7	118.7	118.6	111.5	112.8	110.6
	Feb	110.9	101.5	142.1	151.5	108.7	122.4	122.1	112.4	113.5	111.2
	Mar	111.0	101.9	142.5	144.1	108.7	133.2	127.0	113.2	114.3	111.6
	Apr	111.2	102.3	139.7	132.9	108.8	125.7	122.2	112.8	113.9	111.6
	May	111.2	102.5	143.4	131.3	108.8	128.1	123.7	113.2	114.4	111.9
	Jun	111.3	102.8	149.6	131.3	108.8	136.2	128.4	114.0	115.2	112.2
	Jul	111.5	103.1	161.5	131.3	108.9	135.8	129.5	114.3	115.5	112.4
	Aug	111.7	103.3	162.1	131.3	109.1	131.0	127.3	114.2	115.4	112.6
	Sep	111.7	103.5	162.2	152.3	109.9	138.8	132.8	114.9	115.9	112.8
	Oct	111.9	104.0	179.7	157.0	109.9	137.8	134.6	115.2	116.1	112.9
	Nov	112.0	104.2	189.6	162.1	110.0	139.0	136.6	115.5	116.5	113.0
	Dec	112.0	104.6	190.6	169.6	110.0	133.4	134.5	115.3	116.6	113.0
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul										
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

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Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.8	0.5	100.8	108.2	95.1	111.6
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.6	-0.2 / 1.3	99.5	109.8	89.8	126.3
Feb	111.8	0.2 / 1.5	99.6	109.8	89.9	126.5
Mar	112.8	0.9 / 2.2	99.8	110.0	90.2	126.7
Apr	112.9	0.1 / 1.5	99.9	110.1	90.4	126.8
May	113.3	0.4 / 1.9	99.8	110.1	90.2	126.8
Jun	113.8	0.4 / 1.9	99.9	110.2	90.3	126.8
Jul	114.9	1.0 / 2.6	101.5	110.2	90.4	144.4
Aug	114.9	0.0 / 2.8	101.5	110.3	90.4	144.4
Sep	115.1	0.2 / 2.4	101.9	110.4	90.9	144.7
Oct	115.1	0.0 / 2.9	102.2	110.5	91.3	144.8
Nov	115.2	0.1 / 3.1	102.2	110.6	91.4	144.8
Dec	115.0	-0.2 / 2.9	102.3	110.6	91.4	144.9
2001						
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 / 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 / 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
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Nov						
Dec						

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1997	109.7	0.9	101.0	109.2	94.4	110.4
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2000		Month / Year				
Jan	111.1	-0.4 / 1.1	98.3	110.2	88.6	114.2
Feb	111.3	0.2 / 1.2	98.4	110.2	88.6	115.7
Mar	112.2	0.8 / 1.8	98.8	110.3	88.7	118.3
Apr	112.3	0.1 / 1.3	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.5
May	112.7	0.4 / 1.5	98.9	110.3	88.8	118.1
Jun	113.1	0.4 / 1.5	99.0	110.5	88.9	118.1
Jul	113.7	0.5 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Aug	113.6	-0.1 / 1.6	99.1	110.6	89.0	118.3
Sep	113.9	0.3 / 1.7	99.3	110.5	89.0	120.6
Oct	114.0	0.1 / 2.1	100.0	110.5	89.9	121.6
Nov	114.1	0.1 / 2.4	100.0	110.7	89.8	121.6
Dec	113.9	-0.2 / 2.2	100.3	110.9	90.0	122.5
2001						
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 / 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 / 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
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Nov						
Dec						

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